

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Michael Sweeting  
Serial No. 10/689,185  
Filing Date: October 20, 2003  
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Art Unit: 3623  
Examiner: Alan S. Miller  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING  
FUTURES CONTRACTS IN A FINANCIAL  
MARKET ENVIRONMENT

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action of March 10, 2008 in the above identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.